

CHAPTER 397.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS LEGALIZED.

S. F. 586.

AN ACT to legalize acknowledgments of instruments and the instruments heretofore made by or to corporations, or under which such corporation is a beneficiary, where the acknowledging officer was at the time of such acknowledgment a stockholder or officer in the corporation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. **Acknowledgments legalized.** That the acknowledg-
 2 ments of all deeds, mortgages, or other instruments in writing here-
 3 tofore taken or certified, and which instruments have been recorded
 4 in the recorder's office of any county of this state, including acknowl-
 5 edgments of instruments made by any private or other corporation,
 6 or to which such corporation was a party, or under which such cor-
 7 poration was a beneficiary, and which have been acknowledged be-
 8 fore or certified by any notary public who was at the time of such
 9 acknowledgment or certifying a stockholder or officer in such cor-
 10 poration, be and the same are hereby declared to be legal and valid
 11 official acts of such notaries public, and to entitle such instru-
 12 ments to be recorded, anything in the laws of the state of Iowa in
 13 regard to acknowledgments to the contrary notwithstanding; and
 14 such instruments are, if otherwise valid, hereby declared effectual
 15 and valid in law to all intents and purposes as though acknowledged
 16 or proved before an officer not interested therein, and if heretofore
 17 recorded in the respective counties in which such lands may be, the
 18 records thereof are hereby confirmed and declared effectual and valid
 19 in law to all intents and purposes as though said deeds, mortgages,
 20 and conveyances, so acknowledged or proved and recorded, had (prior
 21 to being recorded) been acknowledged or proved before an officer
 22 having no interest therein.

1 SEC. 2. **Pending litigation.** This act shall not affect the rights
 2 of parties in any action or suit now pending in any court of this
 3 state.

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CHAPTER 398.

TOWNSHIP DRAG FUND.

S. F. 353.

AN ACT to amend the law as it appears in section fifteen hundred twenty-seven-s eight (1527-s8), supplemental supplement to the code, 1915, relating to the improvement of township highways and authorizing the use of a portion of the general township road fund for the purpose of dragging the township road system.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. **Replenishing township drag fund.** That the law
 2 as it appears in section fifteen hundred twenty-seven-s eight

3 (1527-s8), supplemental supplement to the code, 1915, be, and the
 4 same is hereby amended by substituting a semi-colon for the period
 5 at the end of said section and by adding thereto, immediately follow-
 6 ing said semi-colon, the following: "provided, however, that when-
 7 ever the township drag fund is exhausted, the board of township
 8 trustees may transfer to such drag fund, from the general township
 9 road fund, not otherwise appropriated, such an amount as in their
 10 judgment will best maintain the township road system."

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CHAPTER 399.

FILING OF FREIGHT, ETC., CLAIMS AGAINST CARRIERS.

S. F. 300.

AN ACT amending section twenty hundred seventy-four-c (2074-c), supplement to the code, 1913, relating to the filing of claims against common carriers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Freight claims—place of filing. That the law as it
 2 appears in section twenty hundred seventy-four-c (2074-c), supple-
 3 ment to the code, 1913, be and the same is hereby amended by insert-
 4 ing in line seven thereof between the words "of" and "destination"
 5 the following: "origin or of"

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CHAPTER 400.

SCHOOL HOUSE SITES.

S. F. 424.

AN ACT to amend section twenty-eight hundred and fourteen (2814) of the supplement to the code, 1913, by adding thereto section 2814-b relating to the acquiring of real estate for school purposes by purchase of land and buildings conducted as private schools and providing purposes for which said lands and buildings can be used when so purchased.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 School house sites—limitation—exceptions. That section twenty-
 2 eight hundred and fourteen (2814) of the supplement to the code,
 3 1913, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the fol-
 4 lowing as section twenty-eight hundred and fourteen-b (2814-b).
 5 "Any school corporation in which there was organized and founded
 6 prior to the year 1902 a university with not to exceed forty acres of
 7 land upon which a school building or buildings have been erected